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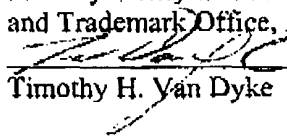
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For: Rapid Diagnostic Method for Distinguishing
Allergies and Infections and Nasal Secretion Collection Unit

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P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the office action dated December 9, 2003, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks:

In the Specification

Delete the paragraph on page 26, lines 16-31 and replace with the following paragraph:

In addition, this embodiment of the invention shows a marginal aspect of the collection device as a sealable edge, such that after the nasal secretions have been blown into the collection device, the nasal secretions may be isolated from contact with external surfaces. The seal may be created by any of a number of means known in the art, such as by means of a "zip-lock" "ZIPLOCTM" means, wherein a first edge of the sealable margin comprises a strip of material which fits into a groove on the second edge of the sealable margin, thereby sealing the contents within the collection device. Alternatively, a fold-over sealing flap may seal the marginal edge of the collection device through which the patient inserts their nose to deposit nasal secretions. The fold-over flap may itself have a pressure-sensitive adhesive strip disposed thereon, such that upon folding the flap over the edge into which the nose is placed and then removed, after deposit of nasal secretion,